estimated cost of Rs. 210 crores of which the Seventh Plan outlay would be Rs. 75 crores.

(c) Owing to the continued recession in the shipping industry and also on account of financial constraints, the scheme has not been included in the Seventh Plan.

Development of Minor Ports

1068. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Harbour Board has recommended 100 per cent Central Loan assistance for development of Minor Ports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested for Central Loan for the development of Minor Ports; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Union Government on the request of the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Rs. 20 crores has been approved by Planning Commission for Central Assistance for development of minor ports during the VIIth Five Year Plan. A Sub-Group of the Working Group on the Port Sector has been constituted to go into the allocation of these funds for development of certain specified ports, including those sent by the Gujurat State Government.

EMU trains for the Ahmedabad-Baroda-Surat Section

1069. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Gujarat has urged the Central Government for running EMU trains on the Ahmedabad-Baroda-Surat section; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways have at present no plans to run EMUs on Ahmedabad-Baroda-Surat section.

Box 'N' Type Wagons

1070. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are complaints about the actaul weighment of Box 'N' wagon's supply for coal;

(b) what is the nature of the complaints received from the consumers regarding Box 'N' wagons; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Some representations have been received that in respect of collieries served by South Eastern Railway, it is not possible to load coal in Box 'N' wagons to the extent of their marked carrying capacity. Some representations have also been received that these wagons are not being weighed, and that free time for loading and unloading of Box 'N' wagons is not adequate.

(c) Pending further trials, a reduced minimum weight for charge of 55 tonnes for slack coal and 54 tonnes for steam coal was notified as against marked carrying capacity of 58.81 tonnes, in respect of coal loaded from the collieries on the South Eastern Railway.